



Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



January 2026

From the Board of Directors: Looking Ahead

As we begin this new year, we first want to thank and recognize Tom Nascimbene for his outstanding leadership and dedication during his 19 months as President of the Terre Haute German Oberlander Club. Throughout his tenure, Tom provided steady guidance that helped preserve and strengthen our organization.



We also want to thank every member of the Club for their support in 2025. Your participation, your willingness to pitch in, your laughter, and your efforts to carry on our traditions carried us through another memorable year.

2026 will bring several initiatives designed to preserve our traditions while preparing the Club for the future. Among them:

- **Strengthening our programming**, with renewed focus on German customs, music, food, and celebrations like Strassenfest and Oktoberfest.
- **Expanding member engagement**, ensuring every member feels welcome, valued, and represented.
- **Enhancing our facilities**, continuing the work of maintaining a warm, functional, and inviting space for gatherings.
- **Building sustainable volunteer teams**, so no single group of individuals must carry the weight alone and every member can contribute in meaningful ways.

Together, these initiatives chart a path forward—one that honors our past, responds to the voices of our members, and prepares us for a bright and unified future.

Clubs like ours thrive not because of buildings or budgets, but because of people who show up, lend a hand, share ideas, and help keep traditions alive. As we move forward, we ask each of you to consider how you can support the Club in the months ahead. Whether it's volunteering at an event or dinner, joining a committee, helping with setup or cleanup, inviting new members, or simply attending more gatherings, **your presence makes a difference**. Every hour of service offered, every dish prepared or washed, every conversation shared strengthens the fabric of our Club.

Mark Your Calendar

❄️ January ☁️

- Thu, 01 - New Year's Day
- Thu, 08 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Sat, 10 - THGOC Annual Soup Dinner, 6:00 PM**
- Mon, 19 - Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Thu, 15 - Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM
- Wed, 28 - Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM

☁️ February ☁️

- Mon, 02 - Groundhog Day
- Thu, 05 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Sat, 07 - Valentine's Dinner & Dance, 6:00 PM (Streamliners)**
- Sat, 14 - Valentine's Day
- Mon, 16 - President's Day
- Thu, 19 - Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM
- Wed, 25 - Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM



Terre Haute German Oberlander Club

For more information about the Club scan the QR Code or visit us at <http://terrehautegermanclub.org>.

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Again, thank you for all you have done, and all you will continue to do. Let's make 2026 a year of renewed spirit, strong participation, and shared celebration. We look forward to seeing you at the Club, working beside you, and building another unforgettable year—together.

Thanks, Board of Directors

2026 Board of Directors Elected

The following members were elected/re-elected at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 17th, 2025, to serve as your Board of Directors for 2026.

Bret Bingham
Jessica Buttiglieri

Brad Cress
Jay Copra

Ron Hinsenkamp
Michelle Lutz

Brian Roberts
Spring Wilson

The newly elected board will meet Thursday, 01/08/26 at 6:00 PM to elect officers (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary) and address other business. Per Article V of the Club's Bylaws, one person may hold multiple offices except president and vice president or president and secretary.

Annual Membership Dues for 2026

At the Annual Membership Meeting on December 17, 2025, members unanimously approved the board of directors' recommendation to maintain dues at their current rates for the upcoming year. Accordingly, dues will remain \$75.00 per individual or \$150.00 per couple.

To reduce postage expenses, the membership recommended dues invoices be distributed via email rather than through the U.S. Postal Service. At present, only six or seven members have not provided an email address; these individuals will receive their invoices by mail.

Dues invoices for 2026 will be issued to all members by January 5. A minimum payment of 50% of 2026 dues is required by January 31, with any remaining balance due by July 31. Members who pay their dues in full by January 31 will automatically be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Payments may be paid at the Annual Soup Dinner on January 10 or mailed to: *Terre Haute German Oberlander Club, PO Box 5214, Terre Haute, IN 47805.*

New Member

We are pleased to welcome Christina (Andrea) Herman back as our newest member. Andrea currently works for the Vigo County School Corporation and is originally from Aschaffenburg, Germany.



— Please Join Us —

Annual Soup Dinner



Jan 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Bring A Crockpot of Your Best Soup!

Win Bragging Rights and the Silver Ladle for a Year
 Cash Bar – Door Prizes – Celebrity Judges
 Bowls, Spoons & Crackers Provided
\$5.00 Per Person or Free Admission if You Bring Your Favorite Soup to Share.

- MEMBER & GUESTS ONLY -



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 1616 Lafayette Ave
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 Doors Open 5:30 PM

RSVP DEADLINE
Jan 7, 2026
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